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B. DA MSG DTG 081743Z AUG 73

C. AR 380-10

FROM COMUSMILGP RIOD DE JANEIRO BRAZIL //SCBRAR-M//

1. REF A IS A REQUEST FROM DA FOR JUSTIFICATIONAS
BASIS FOR EXCEPTION TO NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY FOR
RELEASE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPROVED HAWK
BY THE RAYTHEON COMPANY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL.
REFERENCE B IS A SIMILAR REQUEST FROM DA FOR RELEASE
OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TOW SYSTEM BY HUGHES
AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH REF C AND KEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPHS OF APP E,
AR 380-10:

A. PARA E3.A. (ORIGIN OF THE REQUEST). THESE REQUESTS
ARE U.S. INITIATED. RAYTHEON IS PLANNING TO DISPLAY THE
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HAWK SYSTEM AT THE SAO PAULO AIR SHOW (14-23 SEP 73), PRE-

CEDED BY A BRIEFING FOR THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY. THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY HAVE INDICATED A STRONG INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED DISPLAY AND BRIEFING. HUGHES AIRCRAFT DESIRES TO RELEASE A CONFIDENTIAL BROCHURE TO THE GOVT OF BRAZIL, REXXB. BOTH RAYTHEON AND HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANIES HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURES.

B. PARA E3.B. (RATIONALE BEHIND THE PROPOSED EXCEPTION). THE BRAZILIAN MILITARY HAVE A HIGH INTERST IN ALL MISSILE SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY GROUND-TO-AIR AND GROUND-TO-GROUND. THE BRAZILAIN MILITARY IS STUDYING SEVERAL MISSILES TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ACCESS TO INCLUDE THOSE OF EUROPEAN THIRD COUNTRIES. IN THIS RESPECT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AS POSSIBLE. THE DISPLAY OF HAWK AT THE SAO PAULO AIR SHOW WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO MAINTAIN U.S. EQUIPMENT VISIBILITY. A SIMILAR DISCLOSURE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE GOB IN THE CASE OF THE VULCAN-CHAPPARAL SYSTEM. THE PROPOSED REQUEST WOULD LOGICALLY LEAD TO OTHER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING AIR DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT, THE TOW SYSTEM AND OTHER U.S. MISSILE SYSTEMS.

C. PARA E3.C. (BENEFITS ACCRUING TO THE UNITED STATES). PRINCIPAL BENEFITS WOULD BE IN ABILITY TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO BRAZILAIN REQUESTS, PROMOTE STANDARDIZATION, AND PREEMPT FOREIGN MILITARY INFLUENCE. THE U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WILL OBVIOUSLY BENEFIT FROM ANY SALE DERIVED FROM RAYTHEON AND HUGHES COMPANIES' EFFORTS IN BRAZIL, AS WELL AS THE COMPANIES THEMSELVES.

D. PARA E3.D. (SECURITY IMPLICATIONS). BRAZILIAN MILITARY PROCEDURE FOR THE SECURITY OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION CLOSELY PARALLELS THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.

E. PARA E3.E. (TIMING OF THE PROPOSED DISCLOSEURE). THE REQUESTED EXCEPTION WOULD BE USED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN CONNECTION WITH BRIEFINGS BY THE RAYTHEON AND HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANIES. THE ITEMS ARE IN THE U.S. OPERATIONAL INVENTORY AND HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED OVERSEAS BY THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

F. PARA E3.F. (SUPPORTING INFORMATION). IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS MILGP THAT IT WOULD BE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING TO THE U.S. IF THE INFORMATION WAS NOT RELEASED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE GOB. IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO KEY GOB MILITARY THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THIRD COUNTRIES. THIS COMMAND FURTHER BELIEVES THERE IS A KEEN INTEREST IN THE BA GENERAL STAFF TO MODERNIZE THE BA AIR DEFENSE AND ANTI-TANK CAPABILITIES WITH THE OVERALL MODERNIZATION OF THE ARMY AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, MAINTAIN ITS U.S. ORIENTATION IN EQUIPMENT AND DOCTRINE.

3. THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL HAS REVIEWED THE
ABOVE AND CONCURS IN THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION TO
THE GOB.
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